THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY) : (a) and (b) The Government of India have sponsored studies from time to time in respect of issues related to land reforms. However, no post-distribution survey of assignees of ceiling surplus land have been conducted to assess the benefits of such distribution of land.

(c) Land being a State subject monitoring and evaluation of implementation of land reforms programme is the responsibility of the State Governments. The Government of India have as advisory and supportive role.

Increased outlay for Rural Development

729. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether thre is any proposal to increase outlay for rural development programme during the Eighth Five Year Plan period; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL) : (a) and (b) The outlay for rural development for the Eighth Five Year Plan is Rs. 30.000 crore. The original outlay for rural development for the Seventh Five Year Plan was Rs. 6179.21 crore, and the actual expenditure was Rs. 10,955.96 crore. Thus the outlay for the Eighth Five Year Plan is 174% more than the actual expenditure during the Seventh Five Year Plan.

High Power Committee *to* Review State Market Acts and Working of Agricultural Marketing Bodies

730. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to reply the Unstarred Question No. 4819, given in the Rajya Sabha on 20-8-1992 and state :

(a) whether the High POWER Committee set up by Government to review the present State Market Acts and working of various Agricultural Marketing Bodies and to re commend appropriate measures for streng thening the set up for marketing of agri cultural produce, has since gone into the suggestions made by the ASSOCHAM;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken/ propose to take in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL) : (a) The High Power Committee is yet to submit its final report.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Target for Conversion of Wastelands into Cultivatable Land

731. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Wastelands Development Board constituted by Government did not achieve its target of converting more arable lands into cultivable lands;

(b) what is the total extent of Wastelands in the country; and

(c) what is the target fixed by Govern ment during the Eighth Five Year Plan for land conversion ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WASTELANDS DEVELOPMENT) (COL. RAM SINGH) :

(a) The National Wastelands Development Board was established in May, 1985 with a mandate to undertake development of wastelands through massive programme of afforestation and tree planting with people's participation for achieving the following goals :

(i) checking land degradation;

(ii) to put wastelands to sustainable use;

(iii) to increase biomass availability, especially, fuelwood and fodder; ! and

(iv) restoration of ecological balance.

Tree planting • afforestation over an area of 10,640 million hectare was achieved against the target of 10,256 million hectare and 265.50 crore seedlings have been distributed against the target of 400.00 crore seedlings upto 1991-92.

(b) There are differing estimates of wastelands. The National Wastelands Development Board has estimated the ana of Wastelands at 120 mha whereas the estimate of the Society for Promotion of Wastelands Development is 130 mha.

(c) No targets for land conversion have yet been envisaged by the reconstituted National Wastelands Development Board for the Eighth Five Year Plan.

Financial Assistance for construction of Houses in A. P.

732. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to provide financial assistance to the tune of Rs. 22.5 crores to Andhra Pradesh for construction of houses in the rural areas; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY) :

(a) and (b) A request for the sanction of Rs. 22.50 crores as Government of India subsidy for a rural housing programme in Andhra Pradesh during 1992-93 has been received from the State Government. They have proposed to take up 1.80 lakh houses for the weaker Sections, with 1.45 lakh houses in rural areas and 0.35 lakh homes in urban areas. The total project outlay for 1.45 lakh houses in the rural areas has been mentioned as Rs. 112.52 crores. The State Government has requested the Government of India to provide 20% of the total outlay amounting to Rs. 22.50 crores as subsidy during 1993-93.

गुजरात में कम लागत पर सफाई व्यवस्था

733. श्री राम सिंह राठवा : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि गुजरात में कम कीमत पर सफाई व्यवस्था के लिये कुछ शहरों का पता लगाया गया है,

(ख) यदि हां, तो उन शहरों के नाम क्या हैं, और

(ग) इस कार्यक्रम के अंतर्गत क्या प्रयास किए जा रहे हैं?

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री उत्तमभाई एच. पटेल) : (क) से (ग) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है ।

गुजरात में ग्रामीण विकास कार्यक्रमों पर खर्च किया गया धन

734. श्री राम सिंह राठवा : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वर्ष 1992 के दौरान गुजरात में ग्रामीण विकास कार्यक्रमों पर खर्च किए जाने वाले प्रस्तावित धन की राशि कितनी है;

(ख) उक्त कार्यक्रमों के अंतर्गत स्वास्थ्य और शिक्षा पर कितनी धनराशि खर्च किए जाने का प्रस्ताव है;

(ग) क्या गुजरात सरकार ने विगत वर्ष के दौरान उसे आवंटित की गई पूरी धनराशि का उपयोग कर लिया था, और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री उत्तमभाई एच. पटेल) : (क) 1992-93 के दौरान गुजरात राज्य में प्रमुख ग्रामीण विकास कार्यक्रमों पर खर्च की जाने वाली प्रस्तावित निम्न प्रकार है :—

(करोड़ रुपए में)

कार्यक्रम	1992-93 के दौरान आवंट
1. समन्वित ग्रामीण विकास कार्यक्रम	20.1
2. जवाहर रोजगार योजना	78.9
3. त्वरित ग्रामीण जल सप्लाई कार्यक्रम	16.3